

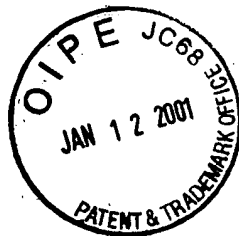
REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed claims 30-41 and 43-47. Claims 49-51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶1, as allegedly not enabled by the specification. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Nonetheless, solely to expedite prosecution of the claims which the Examiner has allowed, Applicants have cancelled claims 49-51, without prejudice or disclaimer. With the cancellation of claims 49-51, the application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a further interview with Applicants' representatives, either in person or by telephone, would expedite prosecution of this application, we would welcome such an opportunity. Applicants believe that no fees are due as a result of this amendment. Nevertheless, in the event of any variance between the fees determined by Applicants, and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-0375.



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